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MAPLE LEAF OIL COMPANY ANNOUNCE LOCATION FOR THEIR FIRST WELL

The Maple Leaf Oil company of Vancouver, have after a thorough investigation of their extensive holdings in the newly proven oil field, announced the location of the first well to be drilled by them. This well will be located on Section 24, Township 45, Range 8, in the section immediately west of the famous Fabyan well and north and a little east of the old Grattan well.

The affairs of the Maple Leaf company will be handled by the following prominent Vancouver business men: Thomas J. Cosens, President; James Black, Vice-President; R. E. Williams, Managing Director and F. A. Beddard, Secretary. Mr. Beddard was a former resident of Edmonton where for some time he was branch manager for the Huron & Erie Mortgage Co.

The company have secured the services of H. C. Doll, an experienced driller from the California Oil fields who will act as drilling superintendent. Mr. Doll we understand has arrived in Vancouver and will be here as soon as the new combination rotary and string tool-drilling equipment arrives. We understand the company expect him to have their machinery on the ground and be ready to commence drilling by the first of May.

PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL OIL & DEV. COMPANY AT WAINWRIGHT

Mr. J. J. Rutledge, president of the General Oil & Development Co., arrived at Wainwright from Vancouver to arrange for the immediate commencement of work on his company's holdings.

He reports business at the coast city as being in a prosperous condition. Needless to add, his many friends in Wainwright are pleased to see him here once more in connection with oil development of this particular section of the country.

On enquiring as to how matters are progressing with his proposed drilling operations here, Mr. Rutledge stated that he was more than pleased with the outlook, and that he will while here pick out the drilling site for the erection of the 112-foot derrick preparatory to the arrival of the rotary drill, and that it is more than likely that an additional standard drilling rig will also be shipped in.

Mr. Rutledge expresses himself in more certain terms than ever as to his faith in the Wainwright field, and predicts that this summer will see a real live oil development boom here, with all that is bound to follow in its wake.

Last week end, also, Mr. Emmens, the geologist and field manager for the British Petroleum Co., was in Wainwright for a few days with his secretary Mr. Davidson, and arrangements were made with the field staff on the ground for the outlining of the opening programme of work, so that no delay will be experienced as soon as the weather makes conditions suitable for the erection of the new derrick and machinery which is now practically all unladen. Several more loads of pipe and casing are here for this company.

News From Various Oil Fields

M'DONALD GETS READY TO DRILL WILDCAT

D. A. MacDonald, head of the MacDonald Syndicate and the Sweetgrass Oil Co. Ltd., has launched his campaign to finance his wild-cat test on the McInyre ranch 12 miles south of the town of McGrath, Alberta. A publication called "Canadian Oil Journal" was issued this week in Vancouver, B. C. announcing the organization plan.

MacDonald has 20,000 acres, as previously announced in the Montana Oil Journal, and plans on drilling early this spring. A standard rig has been secured and drilling will start within the next few weeks, according to present plans.

Mr. MacDonald was in Shelby during the past week, completing arrangements for the drilling of the well, Montana Oil Journal.

REFINERY TO HANDLE CRUDE ON APRIL 8th

Coutts, April 2.—The refinery of the Alberta Refining company, Ltd., of Coutts will begin operations on April 8th, according to announcement of the officers this week. The plant has a capacity of 500 barrels a day. "Sunshine" is the name of the gasoline product, to be marketed in Lethbridge and Calgary. Adams-Anderson Investment company will supply the crude, which will be delivered through the pipe line to the border.

The stockholders of the company recently elected L. R. Olsen, president; J. H. Adams, vice-president; G. H. Roberts, secretary, and William Thrasher, treasurer.

Directors are S. P. Jensen of Great Falls; J. H. Adams, Minneapolis; John Mars, Sweetgrass; E. Herberg, Kevin; G. Hadley Roberts, Coutts; William Thrasher, Coutts; J. R. Olsen, Coutts.

There may be something after all to this theory that man evolved from a monkey. Most of the people who are arguing the question seem to be up a tree.

PAKOWKI LAKE WILDCAT AGAIN MAKING HOLE

Lethbridge, March 29.—Sanctuary Oil Co., drilling on Pakowki Lake structure, will complete their well this season it is announced. A new head driller is now on the job, it is reported. This well is otherwise known as the Chester Thompson. They own a large amount of acreage and a well down around the 2,000-foot level. The structure was favorably reported on by Professor Williams of the University of British Columbia, who last summer conducted important oil and gas surveys for the federal government in Southern Alberta. Considerable wet gas has been encountered in the well.

NORTHERN WILDCAT HERSCHEL ISLAND

The Arctic regions are due for a test still further north than the Fort Norman area but at a point more accessible than the Imperial Oil Co.'s test near the Arctic Circle. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the explorer, plans the development of the concessions granted to him on an area southwest of Herschel Island, the negotiations are not yet complete. C. E. Roth, of Independence, Kansas, is also interested in the proposed development.

DECREASE FOR PAST WEEK IS 10,000 BARRELS

Tulsa, — Crude oil production in United States during week was, 1,934,190 barrels daily, a decrease of 10,915 barrels, according to the Derrick. Powell field production amounted to 134,100 barrels daily. California registered a loss of 10,000 barrels to a daily average of 634,000 barrels a day.

Clancy—Oh, want to buy an ottomobile for my wife.
Clerk—Yes, sir. Long body?
Clancy—Bogorah, no! She's built like a barrel. But what the devil has that got to do with it?

COUNCILLORS OF BATTLE RIVER MUNICIPAL DISTRICT HAVE BUSY MEETING

Council in Municipal Office. All councillors present. Minutes of last meeting read. Mr. Blakely moved that minutes be adopted as read. Cd.

Mr. King reported on account of H. V. Fieldhouse. Moved by Mr. King that Mr. Smallwood and Mr. Blakely, be appointed a committee to investigate work done on road by Mr. G. N. Higginson. Cd.

Mr. Burton moved that Wild Land tax be cancelled on Sec. 2-45-7-w4th. Carried.

Mr. Golding moved that Council take no action as to the draining of Lake Vernon, and that in case M. D. 424 takes any action, this Municipality will collect damages, unless the said M. D. No. 424 drain the said waters to the Battle River, and that the Council of M. D. No. 424 be notified of same. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Mr. Fischer be appointed to meet the Viking Hospital Board on April 12th, Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that Mr. Fischer and Mr. Burton be appointed a committee to investigate land taken for road allowance from S. W. 13-45-9-w4th. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood, that account of Mr. T. B. Gotobed be disallowed, and that a copy of minutes of meeting, of appointment be sent to him. Carried. King dissenting.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Council appoint Roy W. Hay auditor at a salary of \$75.00. Cd.

Moved by Mr. King that account of Misericordia Hospital be disallowed and hospital notified that the parties are unknown in this Municipality. Cd.

Mr. King moved the following accounts be passed and paid:

Land Titles Office	\$18.50
Western Mun. News	10.06
Irma Times	80.20
Great West Life Assur. Co.	5.00

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Golding that Oslar & Nanton be paid \$12.00 per acre for land taken for road allowance from S. W. 25-46-7-w4th, and S. E. 25-46-7-w4th, and that G. W. Bricks be paid \$40.00 and Ed. Swenson \$35.00 for fencing same. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Charles Reed be appointed road foreman in Div. 3. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Fischer that this Council write the Dept. of Public Works, asking them to send a representative to meet the Council, regarding Government grants for road purposes. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Fischer that Wallace Myers be appointed road foreman in Div. 4. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that Geo. Rubenok be appointed road foreman in Div. 2. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Golding that Hugh Muir be appointed road foreman in Div. 6. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Burton that Jas. Lennon be appointed road foreman in Div. 5. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Golding that Councillors be not allowed to work out their taxes on the road. Cd.

Amendment by Mr. Smallwood that Councillors teams be allowed to work on roads. Lost. For: Smallwood, Against: Fischer, Golding, Burton, King and Blakely. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Golding that rate of wages be \$3.50 for man; \$6.00 for man and 2 horse team; \$8.50 for man and 4 horse team; \$5.00 for Foreman. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that no Councillor shall spend more than 75 per cent of current taxes, for public works in his division. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Secretary write J. J. Gadd that unless he pays all his Seed Grain note, or a certain amount monthly, that the Council will garnishee until paid. Cd.

Moved by Burton that tax rate for Roseberry School be 6-1-2 mills. Cd.

Moved by Blakely that tax rate for Lewisville School be 13-1-2 mills. Cd.

Moved by Burton that tax rate for Avonlea School be 14-1-2 mills. Cd.

Moved by Fischer that tax rate for Alma Mater School be 14-1-2 mills. Carried.

Moved by Golding that tax rate for Battle Heights School be 5-1-2 mills. Carried.

Moved by Burton that tax rate for Sunny Brae School be 10-1-2 mills. Carried.

Moved by Smallwood that tax rate for Strawberry Plains School be 6-1-2 mills. Cd.

Moved by King that tax rate for Sydenham School be 7-1-4 mills. Cd.

Moved by King that tax rate for Ascut School be 10 mills. Cd.

Moved by Fischer that tax rate for Ross School be 13 mills. Cd.

Moved by Golding that tax rate for Playxol School be 12-1-2 mills. Cd.

Moved by Smallwood that requisition of Glenholm S. Dist. be held over till next meeting. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Fischer that Council purchase two (2) steel beam plows from J. D. Adams & Co. at \$75.00 each. F. O. B. Irma. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Blakely that Council order six (6) Contractors Fresnoes from Richardson Road Machinery Co. at \$46.00 each. F. O. B. Irma—two to be shipped to Fabyan. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Council waive next meeting, and that next meeting be left to call of the Reeve. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that Council adjourn. Cd.

CLARK TELLS BULL VALUES

"I saw one bull sold for \$50 and another sold for \$460.00, both purebreds of the same breed at the Calgary sale," said J. G. Clark, of Clark Manor, president of the Alberta Provincial Cattle Breeders' Association, who is a guest at the Macdonald Hotel while attending the Spring Show. He attended the annual bull sale while at the Calgary show last week. In further explanation of the contrast between the \$50 and the \$460 bulls he explained:

"The bull at \$460 was better value than the one at \$50, which was dear at any price. Since the main purpose of a bull is the imprinting of his quality upon its progeny, the same applies to all branches of live stock.

"The \$460 bull had outstanding prepotency visible in his makeup and his back was well covered with flesh in places where flesh counts for money in the beef market. It indicated that this value would be reprinted in the progeny. A sire cannot transmit to his progeny what he does not have himself. A steer weighing 1,000 lbs. with beef in the right place, well covered with money-making beef in the loins is worth more than a steer weighing 2,200 pounds that is mostly bone and flank without the top covering.

"Suppose a man with a grade herd of fifteen cows in each case, bought the two bulls in question. In the case of the \$460 bull the value of the offspring would be increased by \$20 a head or a total of \$300 increased herd value due to the breeding merits of the bull of best quality, while in the other case the herd with which the \$50 bull had been used, the decreased value might easily be \$10 per calf or a total of \$150.

"Another reason why a good bull is cheap at a big price is that a bull is kept for about three years with the same herd and this increased value is continued for about three years. That means the total increased value due to the \$460 bull in three years would be \$900, while the total decrease from the \$50 bull would be a slump in value of \$450."—Edmonton Bulletin.

RE DRAINING LAKE VERNON

The article in last week's Times apparently has started considerable discussion as to whether the water from Lake Vernon should be turned loose in the fertile valley of Grattan Coulee or left where it has been for countless ages. The general opinion appears to be that if the water was once let out of the lake and an open channel left for a short distance from the east end of the lake, that the water running from the many springs along its bank, would soon form a fresh water creek. If the water in the lake is as strong with alkali as some appear to think it is, there might be a good chance for Jarrold to start a Chemical works and recover the valuable salts that are polluting the water. Let us hear what some of those wanting the lake drained have to say.

Fabyan Man Meets With Serious Mishap

Monday Mr. O. Christopher, who lives some nine miles north of Fabyan, met with a serious accident. It appears that Mr. Christopher was leading a horse behind a rack while Mrs. Christopher was driving the team. In some way the horse became suddenly scared pulling the unfortunate man off the rack, with the result that he received a bad blow on the head just over the right eye causing a fracture of the skull. Dr. Walters of Wainwright was summoned and on his arrival he found the injured man unconscious, he also found it necessary to remove a piece of the fractured bone.

At last reports, Mr. Christopher had regained consciousness and was doing as well as could be expected, he is still in a critical condition and it is impossible to say if the sight of the injured eye will be impaired or not. The many friends of the injured man wish him speedy and complete recovery.

Afternoon Tea and Home Cooking Sale

The Ladies Aid intend holding an afternoon tea and sale of home-cooking in the Watkinson building on Saturday afternoon, April 5th. A supply of ice cream cones will also be on hand for the kiddies. Also the balance of the articles left over from the last bazaar will be offered to the ladies.

Merry Crowd Attends Novelty Dance

Those who turned out to the novelty dance at Larson's Hall last Wednesday evening had the time of their lives. They all joined in and had a good time with the squawkers, streamers, balloons and ticklers. Messrs. Skiles and Macdonald furnished excellent music for the occasion. Several of the new selections that they played made a hit with the crowd.

Next Wednesday there will be held a Lucky Dance. The usual admission prices will prevail. Everybody welcome.

Wedding Bells.

KNAPP - MacNAB
At eight o'clock on Monday evening, March 31, Janet MacNab was united in marriage to Arthur Scott Knapp by the Rev. A. C. Farrell, of Wesley Methodist church.

The ceremony took place at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. J. Russell Shaver, 130th street.

Later in the evening an informal supper was served. Mrs. L. P. Bishop poured tea and Miss Pearl McNeill of ice cream cones. They were assisted in serving by the Misses Lura and Alice Bishop.

The guests were Mrs. L. P. Bishop, Lura, Alice, and Darwin Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Barkholder and Miss Pearl MacNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Knapp are spending the week in the city, and intend making their home at Kinsella, Alberta.—Edmonton Journal.

How to Help The Home Paper

1. Subscribe for your home paper—if at present you read it over the shoulder of your neighbor.
2. Advertise in your home paper.
3. When purchasing, try to patronize firms advertising in the home paper.
4. When shopping or selling, say you saw the advertisement in your home paper.
5. Try to get new subscribers.
6. Send important news items to your home paper. Send by mail or telephone.
7. When you have read the paper pass it on to someone to whom it will do good.
8. Mark important notices or articles to attract attention.

MR. MADSEN, OF IRMA, SPEAKS ON HOW TO MAKE DAIRY BUSINESS PAY

Thursday afternoon a well attended meeting was held in Larson's Hall under the auspices of U. F. A. and the Agricultural Society, with Mr. Madsen, manager of the Irma Creamery, speaking on Dairying. Mr. Madsen spoke at length on the question of how to make dairying pay. In illustration he used some figures showing the relative value in feed costs between scrub cows and well bred cows. He showed one pound of butter fat from the ordinary scrub cow costing 37 cts, whereas the same amount of butter fat could be produced from a better bred cow for 18-1-2 cts. He also emphasized the importance of keeping sires from high-testing stock and explained that this could be handled better by forming breeding clubs and buying sires collectively. He also explained the methods and importance of grading and keeping all cows and containers sanitary. Also frequent deliveries of cream to the factory so as to secure best possible grade and price.

After the creaming meeting the directors of the Irma Agricultural Society met and formed a committee to revise the prize list and solicit new members. A special effort will be put forward to induce the children to compete in the different sections in which they are eligible. Special prizes are being arranged for these classes.

MARKET REPORT	
Wheat	
No. 1	76c
No. 2	73c
No. 3	68c
Oats	
2 C. W.	23c
3 C. W.	20c
Feed	18c

Everybody is now waiting for spring to say it with flowers.

More or Less Funny

Some people spend more time trying to imitate than it would require to be the real thing.

Never throw away anything. There may be another war and you can sell it to the government.

Dad says the old fashioned girls were satisfied if a fellow brought them a dime's worth of candy in a brown paper bag.

CORMACK - LEE

The marriage of Ida Constance, eldest daughter of Mrs. M. B. Lee, 334 Fourteenth avenue west, and granddaughter of the late Captain and Mrs. Hugh Glynn Brabazon, Belfast, Ireland, to Mr. Alexander Cormack, youngest son of Mr. Robt. Cormack, of Goldingham, Berwickshire, Scotland, was quietly solemnized in St. Paul's manse by Rev. Capt. McColl, on March 19th.

ROSE

For particular people—
Roasted and packed same
day in airtight cans

The Demand For Economy

A Dominion-wide demand for economy is being made. It is urged with vigor and enthusiasm. To ensure the demand, Economy Clubs have been organized in various sections of the country, and included in their membership are many of the most influential and representative men.

These organizations are absolutely non-political in a partisan sense. Nor, judging by newspaper reports of the proceedings of a number of them, are they composed of merely destructive critics aiming to bring about a reduction in taxation from any selfish motives of their own. On the contrary, with active committees appointed to inquire into matters, these organizations are seeking to devise constructive policies.

The citizenship of Canada is intelligent and patriotic. Apart from the fact that their own welfare is bound up in that of the country, Canadian men and women are proud of their Dominion and are anxious that it should develop and prosper. Anything, therefore, tending to bring disaster to Canada is a matter of deep concern.

It is now fairly generally recognized that Canadians developed habits of extravagance in the years just preceding the war, and the intense activity in all departments of production necessitated by war, and the rapid rise in prices for everything, encouraged extravagance. In many ways money came easily, and it was lavishly spent without taking much thought for the future and the inevitable, economic.

Governments are but the reflection of the people. This is true whether the governing body be the Federal Parliament, a Provincial Legislature, or a Municipal Council. They followed the example of the people who make and unmake Governments. During the war huge sums of money were required, and Government was given a free hand in the raising of it, whether by way of loans or taxation. Nobody complained and willingly accepted the imposition of taxes. Equally, Governments were given carte blanche in the spending of the money so raised. Work was plentiful, wages high, and prices for all products high. The payment of taxes was not seriously felt.

After the war, however, it was a different story. Hundreds of thousands of men were released from military service for whom employment had to be found; millions of dollars annually had to be paid in pensions; thousands of sick and wounded men had to receive hospitalization; world markets were demoralized, and the currency of many nations practically worthless. Instead of more employment, there was less. Prices everywhere began to fall. The individual citizen had to pinch, and the payment of taxes began to pinch and become a real hardship.

But a war debt of over a billion and a half dollars had to be carried. Returned men had to be provided for. Departments and services created could not be done away immediately. Furthermore, people had become used to services which they were averse to losing or having curtailed, and with unemployment increasing, there was tremendous pressure not to add to it by abolishing departments and services. On the other hand, there were demands that Governments should provide more work, and should use public funds to assist those who could not get work.

Citizens generally have now come to realize that the country cannot pull itself up by its boot straps; that not only must there be retrenchment and economy by the individual, but by the State as well. In this way, that what the Finance Commissioner of Toronto calls "the financial madness over the whole land" must end, and that retrenchment and economy must be enforced all along the line, from the Federal Government down through the provinces and municipalities to school boards and all public bodies, business institutions and individuals.

A word or two of warning may, however, not be out of place in this connection. There is both truth and false economy, and there is danger that in this general demand for economy succeeding a wave of large expenditures and even extravagance, some things may be forced which would be unwise and false economy, and for which the people of Canada would pay dearly in the long run.

Care must be exercised not to cripple or destroy what has already been built up and which would later have to be restored at great expense. Nothing must be done to damage or permanently impair the national institutions and services. For example, we cannot safely economize at the expense of the proper education of our children or in safeguarding the health of the people.

Newspaper dispatches indicate that there will be wholesale reductions in the Federal estimates of expenditure to be presented to Parliament, and to many Provincial Legislatures. This means that contemplated public works of many kinds will not be proceeded with, that departmental staffs will be reduced, that services certain communities have asked for will not be provided. People must be prepared to accept the situation, and not begin at once to complain and make the life of their elected representatives miserable by insisting that while there must be general economy it must not be at the expense of their own particular interest or community. With retrenchment and economy the people must be prepared to cheerfully accept the alternatives.

Furniture Injured by Weather

Uneven temperatures and lack of sufficient moisture in the air are playing havoc with the woodwork in the new Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. The speaker's chair in the Commons Chamber is commencing to crack. Doors, desks, tables, chairs and floors have been under attention by experts for months. Much of the wood used in the building, it is said, was not properly seasoned, and hence will not stand the strain.

A Prime Dressing for Wounds.

In some factories and workshops carbolic acid is used for use in cauterizing wounds and cuts sustained by the workmen. Far better to keep on hand a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. It is just as quick in action and does not scar the skin or burn the flesh.

Gerbaud last year made a hazardous journey from France to New York alone in a 30-foot boat. He was made a member of the Legion of Honor for his feat.

Sleeplessness

Sleeplessness, like insanity, is greatly on the increase. Modern life, with its hurry and worry and noise, brings an enormous strain on the brain and nerves.

The temptation to depend on sleeping powders or tablets must be fought off if you would avoid catastrophe. Means of reconstructing the starved nerve cells must be sought. Since the digestive system fails to supply nourishment to the blood and nerves it is necessary to employ such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food to instill new strength and energy into the tired nerves. This is Nature's way of affording lasting relief.

You will notice that while the price of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has been increased to 60c, the box now contains 60 pills instead of 50 as formerly. Likewise Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are 50c a box of 35 pills, instead of 25c for 25 pills. Edmondson, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto.



New Box 60 Pills 60 cts.

Presented With Union Jack

French Military College Accepts Flag From British Military Attache

The Union Jack which the British army is giving to the French military college of St. Cyr was handed over by Lieut. Salisbury Jones, of the Coldstream Guards, who was formerly a cadet at the college. Lieut. Jones was accompanied by the British military attache at Paris and a detachment of British officers. General Debony, chief of the French general staff, presided at the ceremony, and General Bismou, Inspector-general of military colleges, was also present.

Women! Dye Faded Things New Again

Dye or Tint any Worn, Shabby Garment or Drapery

Diamond Dyes

Each 15-cent package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple that any woman can dye or tint any old, worn, faded thing new, even if she has never dyed before. Choose any color at drug store.

The Western Farmer's Future

Proper System of Mixed Farming and Crop Rotation Essential to Success

Southern Manitoba and Southeastern Saskatchewan represent to a large extent the oldest cultivated farming districts of the western provinces. For a number of years the grain crops in these districts have been so poorly that the great majority of farmers have found the financial results far from satisfactory. A careful investigation indicates that the system of one-crop farming, which has been so generally adopted, has brought about the same disastrous results as have invariably been experienced in the United States and elsewhere when this practice has been followed. This method of farming, which consists of continually "mining" the soil without any replenishment by way of fertilizer, has apparently so depleted the natural resources of the land of its necessary properties that it can no longer grow a healthy wheat plant able to stand up under the climatic conditions which have prevailed in recent years. In addition to this serious condition, much of the land in these districts, owing to the method which has been followed, has become so over-run with weeds as to cause a direct financial loss each year to the farmers of many millions of dollars. This condition appears to demand that in Southern Manitoba and Southeastern Saskatchewan the old one-crop farming in this same old way can only mean financial disaster to the individual farmer in those districts.

With this prospect confronting the farmers of Western Canada, the question naturally arises—What should be done and what of the future? The answer comes in clear and unmistakable language to the individual farmer who is still following the one-crop system—"You must change this method of farming, which has proven so unprofitable, and then again—You must endeavor to make your farms self-sustaining and once more profitable by adopting a system of mixed farming, a system whereby, with the aid of a crop rotation, you can restore to the soil the essential properties which you have 'mined' out of it and at the same time clear your land of the weeds which have caused such serious losses from year to year."

Along with this answer comes assurance of success to the farmers of Western Canada for the future, provided proper methods are adopted and carefully carried into effect.

In this connection The Mutual Life Assurance Company of Canada, as a result of a survey made during the past year, and after consulting practical western farmers and recognized experts in the agricultural departments of the Dominion of Canada and the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario, has become convinced that the great majority of farms in Western Canada can be operated successfully, provided a proper system of mixed farming and crop rotation be adopted. And further, that in this method of farming to a large extent rests the future success and prosperity of Western Canada.

Building a House

When Socrates was building himself a house at Athens, being asked by one that observed the littleness of the design why a man so eminent would not have an abode more suitable to his dignity, he replied that he should think himself sufficiently accommodated if he could see that narrow habitation filled with real friends.—Samuel Johnson.

End to Baby Betrothals

Girls of China Want to Choose Their Own Husbands

Chinese infants have at last rebelled against marriage customs and defied the traditions of centuries. From time immemorial the Chinese parents of a baby girl have betrothed her to infancy to the youthful son of a friendly couple, and there have been countless cases in which the girl has not seen her husband until she arrived at the home of his parents for the marriage ceremony. The match was a question solely for the respective parents and the young people were not consulted. Western civilization, however, is encroaching on China, and the fact that the old order is changing is evidenced in advertisements inserted in the vernacular press of Peking. Four young women have given notice to the world that they decline to recognize the betrothals arranged for them in their infancies and that they reserve for themselves the right to select their life partners. While the Chinese Mandarins of the old type shake their heads and wonder what the world is coming to, the younger Chinese are almost vociferous in their approval. Three of the advertisements were inserted by girls who had spent two or three years in study abroad and the fourth by a girl who has been a devoted member of the Chinese Y.W.C.A.

Colds Stopped In Ten Minutes

There is a very remedy that is very pleasant—it fills the nose, throat and lungs with a healing balm from the roots of the Eucalyptus, and utilizes that marvelous antiseptic of the Blue Gum Tree of Australia. The remedy is CATARRHOZONE—and you can't find its equal for colds, coughs or catarrh. Composed of medicinal plant essences—a remedy that's what CATARRHOZONE is, and you'll find it mighty quick to act and certain to stop your cold. Don't dope your stomach with cough mixtures—use CATARRHOZONE, which is scientific and certain: it acts quickly. Two months' treatment guaranteed, costs \$1.00; small (trial) size 50c. Sold by druggists everywhere. By mail from The Catarrh-zone Co., Montreal.

Centaphor For Toronto Toronto is to have a permanent centaphor to honor its heroes who died in the Great War. The board of control has included in the 1924 estimates the sum of \$12,500 for a start.

End Stomach Trouble, Gas Or Indigestion

"Pape's Diapensy" is the quickest, surest relief for indigestion, gases, flatulence, heartburn, sourness, fermentation or stomach distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief. Correct your stomach and diet now for a few cents. Druggists sell millions of packages of Pape's Diapensy.

Hanging horseshoes over the door won't bring good luck if you spend the rest of the time just "hangin' round."

WINTER WEATHER HARD ON LITTLE ONES

Our Canadian winters are exceedingly hard on the little ones. The weather is often so severe that the mother cannot take the little one out for an airing. The consequence is that the baby is confined to overcrowded, badly ventilated rooms; takes cold and becomes cross and peevish. Baby's Own Tablets should be given to keep the little one healthy. They are a mild laxative which regulate the stomach and bowels and thus prevent colds. The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Dies at Age of 120 Years Yussuf Mack Mahometmeh is dead at Yaghablik, Jugoslavia, at the age of 120 years, according to a Belgrade despatch. Yussuf married twice and one of his surviving sons is only 17 years of age.

Constipation Vanishes Forever

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72 Years Old, But Actively On Job

Railroad Man Attributes Good Health and Strength To TANLAC.

Seventy-two years of age, but still in possession of the priceless boon of good health and activity on the job with the Central Vermont Railroad, where he has worked for 40 years, is the remarkable record of H. H. Moore, 24 Messenger St., Albans, Vt., who attributes his present health and strength to the use of TANLAC. "I have never in my life seen the equal to TANLAC," said Mr. Moore recently. "After spending a lot of money on things that proved worth-

less for stomach trouble of the most obstinate kind, TANLAC made me feel like an entirely different man. For nearly two years I had been gradually getting worse, and my strength and vitality had got so low it was hard for me to attend to my duties. Indigestion, constipation and nervousness made life miserable before I found TANLAC, but now my health is normal and I feel happy as I work. I shall always be grateful to TANLAC. TANLAC IS FOR SALE BY ALL GOOD DRUGGISTS—ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTE—OVER 40 MILLION BOTTLES SOLD. TAKE TANLAC VEGETABLE PILLS.

Senate Reform

Hinted that Action Along this Line is Being Considered by Government

It is hinted in ministerial circles at Ottawa that a measure of Senate reform is being considered by the government. The relation between the two houses in recent sessions have not been the most amicable and a number of measures have been thrown out.

Consideration, it is known, is being given to the advisability of asking the British Parliament for such amendment to B.N.A. Act, as will limit the tenure of senatorial appointments, and also provide along the line of the powers of the House of Lords in England, that bills passed by the Commons once or twice must automatically be adopted by the Senate.

It is not clear whether any such request for reform would require consent of the affected body, or whether a resolution, if adopted by the House would suffice. The whole matter is under advisement. In any event, the Senate may be relied upon to resist any alteration or reduction of its constitutional powers. It also claims that consent by the provinces who were party to the Confederation would be essential as well as the concurrence of both houses. All of the bills, defeated by the Senate last year, including the Bennett's liars bill and amendments to the industrial disputes act, will be re-introduced.

Battle Against Church Union

Thinks Church Union Fight Will Be Taken to the Privy Council

Rev. James Mackay, head of the Presbyterian Church Association of London, predicted that the battle against church union will eventually be taken to the foot of the throne.

"I believe," he said, "that the application for an injunction now before the Supreme Court of the Dominion will be decided, in any event, with permission to appeal. No one judge, I think, would care to accept the entire responsibility of an arbitrary decision. I am convinced that the fight for and against church union will eventually be taken to the Privy Council."

Dread of Asthma makes countless thousands miserable. Night after night the attacks return and even when sleep is gained the mind is still in torment from continual anticipation. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy changes all this. Relief comes, and at once, while future attacks are ward off, leaving the patient in a state of peace and happiness he once believed he could never enjoy. Inexpensive and sold almost everywhere.

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One Ship Only

Ottawa.—Captain J. E. Berner will go north in the spring in command of the Arctic according to information received here. Plans to send two ships were being considered by the Federal authorities, but it has been decided to send only the Arctic, the veteran ship of Canadian expeditions into northern waters.

Putting your best foot forward does not mean to kick about everything.

Minard's Liniment Relieves Colds

Increase In Automobiles

Registration of Cars in Western Provinces Show Considerable Increase

There has been a very considerable increase in the number of automobiles registered in the western provinces in 1923, as compared with 1922. In British Columbia 5,900 more automobiles were licensed in 1923 than in 1922. In Alberta registrations increased 1,250; Saskatchewan comes forward with an increase of 2,500 more. Manitoba's figures will show a small increase in 1923, against an increase of 1,775 in 1922 over 1921.

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Zoology Endowment The zoology of McGill University has been notified of a donation of \$120,000 by Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal to provide a permanent endowment for the department of zoology.

Another big difference between a tightwad and a good fellow is that the former never seems to have any money and the latter never has.—Kansas City Star.

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Mineral Resources Of Canada Are Shown To Be Among Our Greatest National Assets

When we read in government reports that the mineral output of Canada in 1923 amounted to \$214,102,000, and that in 1922 minerals to the value of \$181,297,242 were produced, we appreciate that the value is rapidly increasing, we do not quite realize what Canada's mineral resources mean to her. It is only when comparisons are made that big figures can be fully appreciated. One of the largest figures with which Canadians generally are familiar is that of the national debt, which, on December 31, amounted to \$2,415,538,100. This is truly a large figure, mainly the result of the war, but the value of minerals produced in Canada since 1920 amounted to \$2,410,225,000, at almost an equal amount.

The importance of mining to Canada is very aptly put by Dr. Camsell, deputy minister of the department of mines, in his annual report for 1923, when he says:

"The mineral resources of Canada are among its greatest natural endowments, and, owing to our natural climatic conditions and the relatively limited area of the country capable of agricultural development, the mining industry must necessarily occupy a relatively larger place in our economic development than in those countries of the world more fortunately endowed with respect to climate. Mining is not affected by climate and can be carried on irrespective of it. The importance of this industry is indicated by the growing increase in the annual production of minerals per capita, which has risen during thirty-five years from \$2.25 to \$26.40 a head of population. This production is increasing from year to year until it should ultimately exceed that of any country in the world."

The range of minerals found in Canada in commercial quantities is very large, and in many this country has almost a monopoly. In others the Canadian supplies are nearer to large United States markets, such as in the case of the gypsum of the Maritime Provinces, and in these development is taking place at a rapidly increasing rate. Many of our own minerals, unfortunately, are being exported in a raw state, and supply the materials for large industries outside of Canada. It is of interest, however, to note that there is a growing tendency to manufacture more of our mineral products at home. This is especially noticeable with regard to nickel, asbestos, copper, lead and zinc.

In discussing the question of greater home manufacture of mineral products, Mr. Camsell says:

"It is generally necessary that we should develop home markets by the establishment of industries complementary to the mining industry, so that the products of our mines may be utilized for manufacture into finished articles. A study of our mineral trade balance will show several instances where the raw material for a manufactured article is produced in this country, but is shipped outside for manufacture and is then sold back to us at many times the value of the material in it. The securing of capital for the development of these complementary industries appears to be more in the general interests of the country than capital for the production of raw material, and until those complementary industries are established in our own country the production from the mines will not increase to a stage bearing a proper relation to what we believe to be our potential resources."

As an indication of the possibilities of mineral production in Canada in 1918 the copper output was 118,760, 434 pounds, while last year it was 86,312,000 pounds, and the latter was more than double that of the previous year. In 1918 the production of nickel was 92,597,293 pounds, and last year it was 61,444,000 pounds, and in 1922 it was 17,597,123 pounds. In 1915, when building construction was normal, there was over one million barrels of Portland cement produced, but the 7,852,000 barrels recorded for last year. In 1918, notwithstanding the great demand for lead created by the war, Canada's total output was but 51,396,000 pounds; the production of 1923 was more than double that amount, being 112,500,000 pounds.

Development of natural resources is one of the most pressing problems with which Canada is today faced to face, and in none is the situation more

Increase In Gold Exports

All Gold Exports for January Shipped to United States

During January of this year Canada exported gold to the value of \$2,471,320, an enormous increase over the preceding month and over January, 1923. The figures for those months were: December, 1923, \$1,881,460; January, 1923, \$296,758. These figures include the value of all gold bullion, obtained directly from mining operations, nuggets, dust and gold-bearing quartz. The whole quantity went last month to the United States. Of silver contained in ore and concentrates, Canada exported 381,375 ounces, valued at \$236,131. It all went to the United States. In December, 1923, the figures were: 89,616 ounces valued at \$58,688, and, in January, 1924, 151,289 ounces worth \$292,971. Of silver bullion, Canada exported last month to the United Kingdom, 641,875 ounces, worth \$12,689; to the United States, 281,664 ounces, worth \$177,602; to Hong Kong, 230,556 ounces, worth \$150,408; to China, 375,910 ounces, worth \$219,685; to Japan, 1,020 ounces, worth \$647. The total silver bullion exported in January, 1924, was 1,983,328 ounces, worth \$961,059. In December, 1923, 954,537 ounces, worth \$415,628. In January, 1923, 1,219,819 ounces, worth \$750,561. It is interesting to note that the exports of gold from Canada increased from \$1,117,337 during the twelve months ended January 31, 1923, to \$1,417,339 in the twelve months ended January 31, 1924.

Farm Values Drop

Decline In Farm Land Values Is Shown In Past Year

The average value of occupied farm lands in Canada declined last year, according to a report from the Bureau of Statistics.

It is now returned as \$37.76 per acre as compared with \$40 in 1922 and 1923. This includes both improved and unimproved lands, with dwelling houses, barns, stables, and other farm buildings.

By provinces, the highest value is in British Columbia, namely \$106, the remaining provinces showing values per acre as follows: Ontario, \$61; Quebec, \$56; Prince Edward Island, \$51; New Brunswick, \$32; Nova Scotia, \$31; Manitoba, \$28; Saskatchewan, \$24; and Alberta, \$24.

The average values in 1923 of orchards and fruit lands, including buildings, etc., in the fruit growing districts are estimated as follows: Nova Scotia, \$122, as against \$93 in 1922; Ontario, \$127 for 1922 and 1923; British Columbia, \$234 for 1922 and 1923.

Mother! Give Sick Child

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Japs Build Lumber Mill

Taking advantage of the huge demand for export lumber, especially to Japan, a Japanese lumber concern has purchased a site on the North Arm of the Fraser River and is making arrangements for an immediate start on the construction of a large mill, costing approximately \$250,000.

No Excitement

"What's all this noise about, you young rascal?"

"Well, Mary said if I kept on crying, a great big mouse with big green eyes would come and sit on the end of my bed, and I've kept on, but I haven't come yet!"—London Daily News.

Iceland has factories for the preparation of herring flour, which is highly prized in Norway as a strength food.

Canadian Products For U.S.

Increase in Quantity of Wheat Exported to U.S.A.

During the last three months of 1923, Canada exported farm produce to the United States valued at \$32,275,802, according to the most recent reports. This was a considerable increase over the \$25,576,106, the value of farm produce exported to the United States in the last three months of the year previous.

In the corresponding three months of 1922, before the higher United States tariff rates came into force this class of Canadian exports was valued at \$25,576,106. There has, however, been at the same time a decline in prices.

The quantity of Canadian wheat exported to the United States during the three months ended December was nearly double what it was in the corresponding period of 1922. In the three months' period of last year, exports of wheat to the United States were 17,569,474 bushels, valued at \$18,931,914; in the corresponding period of the previous year there were exported 8,172,155 bushels, valued at \$19,260,239.

Russia Remains Red

Red Army to Be Used Against Exploiters and Oppressors

Leon Trotsky, commissar for war, who is undertaking treatment in the Caucasus, has sent an article to Moscow on the occasion of the sixth anniversary of the Red army. The Red army, he says, has completed two periods of two years each. The first period was characterized by military communism; in the second, the Red army was under new economic conditions, but the former structure still remained the same, despite a certain growth of bourgeois elements, owing to the new economic policy. The proletarian Red army, however, he declared, would only tolerate the new bourgeoisie economically, and would not give them political rights, still less arms.

"The third period, upon which the Red army is now embarking," says Trotsky, "shows the necessity of its existence. The laboring masses of all countries have nothing to fear from the Red army bayonets. Its force is only directed against oppressors and exploiters."

Good Advertising For Canada

Opportunity for Dominion in British Empire Exhibition

The British Empire Exhibition which is to be held this year in London is bound to result in a great deal of valuable publicity for the dominions and colonies.

Canada will be represented by a Federal Government exhibit and by displays from some of the provinces and extensive publicity work will be carried out by the railways and steamship companies.

The C.P.R., for example, is making a great display of Dominion products and is sending representatives who will be present at the exhibition and will be in a position, on account of their knowledge of actual conditions in Canada, to give reliable information to capitalists who have money to invest overseas and to prospective new settlers.

The exhibition should do a great deal toward stimulating immigration to Canada from the Old Land.—The Nelson News.

British Columbia Herring

Seeds cured herring interests are sending an exhibit of British Columbia herring to the British Empire Exhibition. There is a demand for Canadian Pacific herring now being created on the Atlantic coast of the United States. Russia is also asking for the commodity. About forty thousand tons will be their season's pack of Scotch and salt cured herring.

A Job to Fit It

Foreman: "What about carrying some more bricks, Murphy?"

Murphy: "I ain't feeling well, guv'nor! I'm trembling all over!"

Foreman: "Then, lend a hand with the sieve."

A Touching Number

The concert last evening in aid of the hospital was a great success. Among the soloists was the town undertaker, who sang, "I'm Waiting for Thee."—Wexford Chronicle.

Especially If He Lives Nearby

"What do you call a man who plays the saxophone?"

"Don't call him anything. Words fail."

Only 115,085 children were born in Scotland in 1922. Fifteen women more than 100 years old, died in the same year.

To win a smile from good fortune, wink at trouble. Cheer up!

Eighty per cent. of Oregon farmers have telephones.



Thomas H. Moffett, C.A., President of the Saskatchewan Rural Municipalities, Victory, Sask.

Vacant Land

Sixty-three Million Acres of Vacant Land in the West

According to the head of the colonization department of the C.P.R., there are 63,000,000 acres of vacant land in the Canadian West, within fifteen miles of the railways. Of this amount 25,000,000 acres are ready for immediate settlement. All this land is privately owned, but uncultivated. A good deal of it belongs to the railways. And meantime people are leaving the country and going elsewhere because of the difficulty of securing suitable farm land at reasonable prices and with railway facilities.

The figures help one to form an idea of the vast resources of this country, and of how little has been done so far to utilize them. Statistics show that there is more uncultivated land, privately owned and within easy reach of the railways, in the West alone, than there is under cultivation for all purposes in the whole Dominion. And meantime people are leaving the country and going elsewhere because of the difficulty of securing suitable farm land at reasonable prices and with railway facilities.

—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

She Could Not Do Her Housework

Mrs. E. Ouellet Tells of Dodd's Kidney Pills

Sends a message of cheer to the thousands of Canadian women who carry a load of pain and weariness through their daily work.

"St. Andre de Kamouraska, P.Q. (Special)—I have suffered terribly for several years from bad kidneys and indigestion. I was so weak that I was not able to do my housework. After taking some Dodd's Kidney Pills I felt better and the pains in my kidneys have disappeared. I recommend them to all weak women."

Mrs. E. Ouellet, who lives here, makes the above statement. She feels that she owes it to other sufferers to tell them how she found relief. Of the many persons paying their tribute of praise to Dodd's Kidney Pills, it is noticeable that the great majority are women. The reason given for this is that the great majority of women's ills come from the kidneys. Dodd's Kidney Pills act directly on the kidneys. Healing and strengthening them, they enable the kidneys to strain all the impurities out of the blood.

Livestock Sales and Prices

Decrease Shown in All Sales Except Cattle and Calves

From January 1 to 24 inclusive the sales of cattle at the five leading markets of the country, according to Dominion Livestock Branch reports were 47,207, compared with 46,416 in the same period last year; of calves, 7,362 compared with 6,827; of hogs, 58,431 compared with 51,942; and of sheep, 20,985 compared with 25,662. A decrease is indicated in every instance excepting of sales of cattle and calves, of which there is a slight increase. Of hogs and sheep there is a noticeable decrease both in sales and in prices. Top prices for butcher steers at Toronto and Montreal were 50c better, and calves 50c and a dollar up, for the week ending January 24 this year compared with the corresponding date last year. Select bacon hogs showed an improvement over the previous week. Lambs were the same at all markets excepting at Toronto, where there was a rise of \$1.50.

An Idea Of Permanency Is Established In Farm Home By The Planting Of Trees

Tree plantation as an ally to immigration was strongly urged by T. A. Torgeson, B.A., L.L.B., president of the Northern Nurseries' Association and managing director of the Prairie Nurseries at Estevan in an address delivered at the School Trustees Convention, recently held at Saskatoon.

Mr. Torgeson quoted from a recent letter by Premier Dunning written after a visit to the Prairie Nurseries last fall in which Premier Dunning stated that:

"More and more the people of our province are learning, despite disappointments and discouragements, to look upon the west as their country and as a result are taking more interest and pride in their homes and grounds."

It is pleasing to see the number of fine farm homes and substantial barns and outbuildings which are replacing the rougher structures of pioneer days, but no matter how fine the farm buildings appear, there is a temporary and unsettled appearance about any place which lacks the beauty which trees alone can give to the home surroundings on our vast-western plains. We cannot expect the farm mothers and boys and girls to take the same pride in a bleak, bare house that they would in a home surrounded by the trees and shrubs which flourish so well with a little care and protection in any part of the province.

"This idea of permanency is closely related to the problem of immigration, one of our chief national problems," Mr. Torgeson declared. "In building for permanency, our homemakers regard horticulture as a vital factor. The great majority of you come from Eastern Canada, the United States and Europe. As your thoughts go back to your old home, what do you miss the most? Is it not the sturdy, friendly old trees, the delicious fruits and the beauty and fragrance of flowers? And after you have been back to the old home, nestling amid the beauty and calm of nature's handiwork, does it not give you a sense of a shock when you return and travel through hundreds of miles of the bare prairie? Let us make our institutions effective by making our surroundings more home-like, more like those we have just left behind him."

A definite tree-planting programme with a well thought out plan showing all the future plantings; the selection of varieties which had proved absolutely hardy in the district, planting the trees in the grove proper eight feet apart instead of the common practise of four feet apart each way, and the cultivation of the plantation the first two years, were essentials to success.

J. F. Bryant, president of the School Trustees Association, who has demonstrated on his residence grounds in Regina what remarkable results can be obtained in the growing of trees and shrubs, and who is a strong advocate for province-wide tree planting, recently stated that he was firmly convinced "that one of the chief needs of our prairie is a systematic and continued campaign to interest the people of Western Canada in planting trees around their homes, their schools, in their parks, on the farm and along the public highways both in urban and rural districts."

Hon. J. A. Maharg places tree planting institutions next to the home, the school and the church, in the influence exercised in the development of the boys and girls on the farm and many other authorities have testified to the important part which attractive home surroundings play in the battle between the country and the city for the possession of the country boys and girls.

The first consideration in setting out a tree plantation is the shelter belt, consisting of a snow fence or windbreak, which would be provided by two rows of caragana and one row of laurel leaf willow, the caragana planted two feet apart in the rows, the rows being four feet apart and planted alternately, and the row of laurel leaf willows planted eight feet inside the inner row of caragana and

four feet apart in the row; an open space about fifty feet wide for the snow trap which makes an ideal place for the growing of vegetables or an alfalfa field, and the grove proper.

The outer part of the grove should consist of from two to four rows of Russian or Northwest poplars. All the trees in the grove should be planted at least eight feet apart. Experience had proved conclusively that the popular method of planting only four feet apart resulted in tall, short-lived saplings with few branches instead of permanent trees that will grow in strength and beauty as the years go by.

For the plantings the most satisfactory permanent tree is the green ash. The native nurse tree, the Manitoba maple, should be planted so as to alternate with the green ash in the row. In about ten years the green ash will pass the Manitoba maple in height and the maples can be cut down. Six or more rows eight feet apart can be planted to good advantage. While elm can be used in many districts with good results in place of ash in several of these rows. To add finish to the entire grove one or two rows of evergreens should be planted later inside the main grove.

By the time the grove plantings have been completed, the windbreak caragana and willows will have grown sufficiently to provide protection to warrant the planting of fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs, vines, etc.

"The tree, the shrub, the flowers, the lawn and the house must all harmonize," said Mr. Torgeson in closing. "Each should add its part to make one complete picture which is the central theme and which spells but one word—Home."

Fresh and Otherwise

Great Variety of Eggs Are Now Sold in England

Eggs are not just eggs, and for a housewife to replenish her supply of the breakfast staple by merely ordering a dozen eggs, as is the Canadian custom, would dismay an English shopkeeper.

Eggs are merely graded and classified, and shops display them in bins with descriptive legends attached. There are cooking eggs, imported eggs, Irish eggs, local new laid eggs, preserved eggs, breakfast eggs, Surrey new laid eggs, fresh eggs, local fresh eggs, local farmhouse eggs, pullets' eggs, extra large eggs, ducks' eggs (local), and ducks' eggs (farmhouse). They range in price from forty to ninety cents a dozen.

Millions of eggs are imported annually from China, and there is always a possibility of adventure for the bored housekeeper in opening one of them. Recently a member of the House of Commons complained to the government that one of his loyal constituents had discovered in her kitchen a brand which had been hatched from an egg brought in from China.

To Lead In Newsprint

In an address given recently before the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, Hon. Thomas A. Low, Minister of Trade and Commerce, ventured the prediction that this year would see the newsprint production of Canada exceed that of the United States and then the Dominion would be the greatest producer of newsprint in the world. Hon. Mr. Low warned against careless exploitation and depletion of timber resources in Canada.

Must Pass Medical Examination

Regulations have been issued in the province of Constantinople, according to the Daily Mail correspondent, making a medical examination compulsory in the cases of all persons intending to marry. The doctor's report must be accepted by the municipal authorities before marriage will be allowed.

Pleanty to Spare

"Ye ain't got no brains!" "Ain't got no brains!" Why, man, Ah got brains what ain't nevah been used!"—Stanford Chaparral.

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SPRING IS HERE

With the arrival of April we can safely say that spring is here. Except for the evidence of the calendar, people in this part of the West might have supposed they saw the close of winter when January was past. Since the end of that month the mercury has seldom gone below zero, and it never went far below, nor lingered long at the lower levels. It has been a decidedly mild winter. October weather continued unbroken until Christmas. January brought three weeks of "real" winter. And then came a let up that has not been marred by a single relapse. If all the cold days and nights of the past winter were collected they would hardly cover more than a month. It is many years since Alberta enjoyed so mild a "cold" season, and in the nature of things the phenomenon is not likely to occur again until a few more years have gone by.

Those apprehensive residents of this Province who fled for southern climes when the days began to shorten have sadly wasted their money in railway tickets and hotel bills. California never has had anything "on" Alberta this year. Palm Beach would cease to be world famous if the northerly zones could count on the kind of winter weather that Alberta has provided for its people. Statins it generally there has been just enough frost to make ice for skating, to avoid scrambling the hockey schedule, and to allow the curlers to disport themselves; while people have gone about their business with overcoats unbuttoned, and the housewife has had to stand guard to keep the children from tracking mud into the house when they came trooping in from school.

Sleighting seldom has been good, and wheels have been in order most of the time. There have been no severe storms. Outdoor work of all kinds has been carried on where required with little interruption or hardship. The streets have been alive with motor cars during most of the season when they are supposed to be jacked up on skids with radiators drained and batteries in storage. "As usual" Alberta has had the best of the weather that was going in the temperate zone, the kind of weather that gives zest to life and that is pleasant without being enervating.

The mild weather has been of real importance. It has helped to cheapen production costs in the basic industry of the Province. The remarkable crop of last year could not have been threshed had autumn not held out beyond the usual time. The separators were running until Christmas, and thanks to the sunny days, mild temperatures, and lack of snow, they were able to run at capacity. Threshing and hauling the great grain crop was made easier, cheaper and less strenuous than it would otherwise have been. With an abundance of feed on hand the Alberta farmer has needed it less than usual. His stock have required food only to maintain strength and put on flesh. The extra margin which is consumed when cattle and horses are fighting prolonged cold has been saved. There has been no complaint of feed scarcity, and farmers have not had to sacrifice stock because they could not pull them through.

The men on the land thus start spring in favorable circumstances. Stock of all kinds ought to be in good condition and the horses ready for the strain of the spring work; a good many hay and straw stacks will remain for future use; and the farmer is in pocket what he would have had to pay for additional help to take care of his animals through a cold winter. He should be able to start in the new season with courage and confidence. The cost of living has been very sensibly affected, too, by the uniform mildness of the weather. There has been less demand for coal and heavy clothing. There is little in that to cause enthusiasm on the part of the coal man and the dealer in winter wear. But the householder, who is a good deal more numerous, will not fail to note the difference.

The snowfall of the past few days has been a boon to the ground which is comparatively dry. A thorough soaking while the frost is coming out might delay seeding operations somewhat but would more than make up the loss of time by speeding up the germination of the seed and the growth of the young plants. At this early stage everything looks rosy for a bumper crop in 1924.

The girls say Drummers are good at talking because they live away from home.

Deacon White sport writer of the Edmonton Bulletin in an article in Monday's paper deplores the fact that just now the sport loving public have nothing exciting to look forward to for a few weeks as this is a lean time of the year for sports. No hockey, baseball, basketball and no golf to get excited about. How about the great indoor sport of figuring out your income tax before the end of April, Peat?

Judging from the reports of the investigations of the oil activities of the U. S. cabinet and other officials, the Republican political machine seems to have been well greased.

Speaking of the weather March came in like a lamb and went out like a lion. April was ushered in with a mild west wind. The snow that fell during the past few days is disappearing rapidly.

Sure signs of spring. Seed catalogs and mail order catalogs are arriving daily.

MORE OR LESS FUNNY

Heard at the court: Judge. (to prisoner) "Are you guilty or not guilty?" Prisoner: "If it's all the same to you Judge I would prefer to hear the evidence first before answering that question."

"What are the effects of heat and cold?" asked a teacher at the school of a class in physics. "Heat expands and cold contracts," said one of the students. "Give an example," said the teacher. "Well, in winter when it is cold the days get shorter, and in the summer when it is hot the days get longer," replied the student.

At the close of a sermon in a church at or near Frozen Fish Junction one Sunday recently the preacher said that Deacon "—" would lead in prayer. The deacon had dropped into a doze during the sermon and the preacher said sharply, "Deacon —, will you lead?" The deacon roused up and rubbing his eyes in bewilderment blurted out, "Lead yourself,— I just dealt."

The new barber at Innisfree is in an awful fix reports the Vegreville Observer. It goes on to say that you shouldn't be surprised to hear of the girls in a full grown a cute muck (sic) or a full set of sideburns. It is reported that some of them wearing knicker-buckers and with bobbed hair were given a complete shave before the barber discovered his mistake and found they only wanted their hair trimmed.

A Scotsman's Heaven

A Scotsman was explaining to a group of acquaintances how greatly he enjoyed himself in the previous evening. "I was in a great room," he said, "and there were seven pipes all playing at once and all playing different tunes. Man! It was just like Heaven."

Remember Thirty Years Ago!

Eggs were three dozen for 25c; butter 10c a pound; milk was 5 cents a quart; the butcher gave away liver and treated the kids with bologna; the hired girl received \$2.00 a week and did the washin'; women did not powder and paint (in public), smoke, vote, play poker and shake the shimmy. Men wore whiskers and boots, chewed tobacco, spit on the sidewalks and cussed. Beer was 5 cents and lunch was free. Laborers worked ten hours daily and never went on strike. No tips were given to waiters and the hat check graft was unknown. A kerosene hanging lamp and stereoscope in the parlor were luxuries, no one was ever operated on for appendicitis or bought monkey glands. Microbes were unheard of; folks lived to a good old age and were happy even then.

**EDMONTON BULL SALE
BETTER THAN LAST YEAR**

That farmers are looking for better sires for their herds is evidenced by the pure bred bull sale now going on in connection with the Edmonton spring show, and also the Calgary show held last week. The average price at the Calgary show last year was \$105.00. This year it is \$152.00. The Edmonton prices are ranging from \$90.00 to \$200.00.

**CABLE TOOLS TAKE A GENTLE
FLING AT THE SWIVEL-NECKS**

With the coming of the rotary outfit into the Rock Mountain district, the cable tool men are grinning at the mishaps of the rotary pobs, as shown by the following poem, written by a cable tool dresser employed by the Mid-West on a peed well on the lower Montrose 15 lease, Wyoming.

What the Cable Tool Driller Thinks
By Charles W. Kuhlman

The "Swivel-necks" came to Grass Creek,
Intending to drill a deep hole.
They started out to show us
How they swell their small bank-roll.

Their verdict was that cable tools
Surely are the "Bunk".
But when they hit three feet of quartz
Their rock bit went to junk.
They said they'd drill four thousand feet

In less than ninety days.
But when they do, I surely think,
They will have changed their ways.
Their ninety days are all but up,
And the ten inch is on the rack;
They've lost their circulation,
And do not have it back.

The teams are hauling shale;
The men are mixing batter;
And while they work, their talk is all
Louisiana chatter.

When Col. Drake first drilled a well,
He used the cable tools,
But since that time, the Rotary
Has made a lot of fools.

The cable tools can drill deep wells
But not in ninety days.
Ad when we get them finished,
We have not missed the pays.

The cable tools will drill a hole
Through quartz and blue limestone,
And when the driller comes to these,
He says, "just a little home."

Give me a Standard Rig String,
And a crew of only two,
And a good old Ajax Engine,
To make it walk right through.

When our earthly work is finished
On these deep, deep wells;
And the six inch is cemented,
And we have the Angel's bells.

We will walk up to St. Peter;
He will tell us of our fate.
Will the "Swivel-neck" stand up and say,
"I never bored one straight?"

—Montana Oil Journal.

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Throughout the long Winter months you have been eating heavy foods and have had little outdoor exercise with the result that the blood becomes overloaded with impurities.

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A Kodak record of the children catches them just as they are and keeps them just as they were.

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Don't these first Spring days make you think of the Summer Sewing? Gingham are such Splendid Value this year, we are selling them as never before

ENGLISH GINGHAMS—

28in. wide in Good Patterns and Good Weight cloths. They make up most economically for children Per Yard 25c

CANADIAN GINGHAMS—

26in. wide, in Blue, Pink and Tan Checks for the price are Extra Value Per Yard 20c

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32in. wide in good Check Patterns, the same quality as above but Wider. Per Yard 30c

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In a big range of colors and patterns, this is one of the Outstanding Gingham Values of the year. A fine, even, closely woven Gingham in fast colors. Per Yard 35c

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That English Gingham woven so finely and so closely and finished with that silk like finish. The Gingham that fills the needs of the women wanting exclusive patterns, splendid cloth, and Extra Width. 36in. wide Per Yard 55c

Work Shoes

This slop and mud demands good Solid Leather Shoes. Hydro City Solid and All Leather Shoes fill the need. Cut your Shoe Cost in Two and give you Comfort and Service all the time you wear them. Every pair Guaranteed to give you Satisfaction. Here is just one of the lines. They come in Youths, Boys, Mens, Double Toe Caps, Leather Insole, Leather Counters, and all top leathers, no side stock. The best of the hide only.

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Good Heavy Stock, yet soft and pliable. Sewed and screwed soles, at Per Pair \$3.75

BOYS' the same as above Pair \$3.95

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Main Street

Mrs. F. Johnston is spending a few weeks in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Tripp were visitors at the Capital Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King have moved back to the farm for the summer.

Miss M. Walker is assisting Mrs. Shaw at the Hotel.

Mr. R. Nash was in Edmonton Thursday.

Mr. Wm. Harper made a business trip to Edmonton Wednesday.

Saturday Special. Chocolate Bars, 7 for 25c at Derman's Drug Depot.

Miss Lulla English has returned to her home at Strome after spending six weeks with Mrs. Shaw.

Mrs. R. Whyte and Mrs. R. McFarland were visitors at Edmonton this week.

Rev. Geo. Elliott has been attending a joint Sunday School Convention at Wainwright this week.

Mr. O. E. Moon of the Albert District returned Tuesday after an extended visit at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald returned Monday night after a trip to Toronto, Ont.

Lloyd Renewich returned Monday after spending three months at Three Hills, Alt.

Mr. J. W. Stuart is holding an auction sale for W. C. Reed next Thursday afternoon.

Some "Squawker" kiddies, the balloons at Derman's Drug Depot. Five cents each, the best ever.

To ease foot strain, wear the Jung Arch Brace. You can dance all night with ease when wearing them. At Derman's Drug Depot.

Last Monday the stork left a young son at the Curman Hospital for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Milton of Clark Manor, both are doing nicely.

We are glad to report that J. G. Clark and Son captured their share of ribbons at the stock show at Edmonton this week.

Owing to a derailed freight car between Irma and Jarow last Saturday the morning train was held up at Irma till after noon.

Derman's Drug Depot is getting plants for Easter time. Leave your orders for any special plant you want. Our usual care given to all orders.

Mr. W. H. Whitley of the Clark Manor district left Wednesday for a visit with his brother at Cloverdale near New Westminster, B. C.

Mr. Ray Fuder and family are moving from the Coal Spring district to the Geo. Therou farm north of Jarow.

Mr. G. L. Hardy who has been visiting with his brother P. J. Hardy intends leaving Saturday for his home at Aberdeen, S. D.

Household Helps.

Spaghetti

Either macaroni or spaghetti is a good substitute for potatoes; both are very nutritious. Spaghetti is good when boiled. Have plenty of boiling salted water in the pot and keep it boiling. Do not break the strands but start them in and then push them down in the water as the first part softens. Boil for twelve to eighteen minutes. Drain thoroughly, but do not run cold water over it, as this would remove most of the nutriment and toughen it. It is very good served with butter and seasoning, or serve with grated cheese—either American, Italian or Swiss. The tomato sauce, as given in the recipe for Mexican rice, with the addition of Italian grated cheese—either Parmesan or Roman—makes it the "spaghetti l'italienne" of the restaurant menus.

Varnished Paint—It is a mistake to clean varnished paint or enamel with soap, or with soda and water. This makes the varnish dull and may even cause it to peel away from the wood. A better plan is to use a solution prepared with tea leaves. Collect the leaves for several days and then put them in a basin. Pour hot water over them to soak for ten minutes. Use the liquid cold for washing over the varnished surface. Finally dry and polish with a soft cloth.

M. Mecklenburg, the eye specialist of Edmonton, will make his next professional visit to Viking on Wednesday, April 9th; to Kinsella Thursday, April 10th; to Irma Friday, April 11th. See him if your eyes are bad.

TRAIN SCHEDULE, IRMA, ALTA.

Effective January 6th, 1924
No. 1, Going West 7.44 P.M.
No. 3, Going West 7.28 A.M.
No. 2, Going East 10.38 A.M.
No. 4, Going East 10.14 P.M.
Train No. 1 stops only to let off or pick up passengers from Saskatoon or East, or to Jasper and West.
Train No. 2 stops only to let off or pick up passengers from Jasper or West or to Saskatoon and East.
—ROY W. WHITE, Agent.

Monthly Report Irma School, Primary Room.

GRADE III.					
	Arith.	Spell.	Av.	Days L.	Late
Nancy Hewett	95	100	97.5	12	0
Beulah Blade	90	98	94	3	0
Kai Hostrup	85	94	89.5	0	0
Hazel Jackson	75	100	87.5	1	4
Murray Guitner	70	100	85	2	7
Lois Horn	70	92	81	3	0
James Fleming	65	96	80.5	0	0
Agnes Latner	75	86	80.5	7	0
Edward Sharkey	ab.	ab.		5	6
GRADE III, Jr.					
	Arith.	Spell.	Av.	Days L.	Late
Robert Maguire	90	100	95	0	0
Vera Hatch	80	100	90	1	0
Keith Tucker	80	86	83	0	0
Clarence Barber	70	78	74	0	0
Alice Biggs	65	82	73.5	1	3
Clifford Smallwood	ab.	50		1	0
Russel Witznuck		80		12	0
GRADE II.					
	Arith.	Spell.	Av.	Days L.	Late
Stanley Guitner	100	100	100	1	5
Dorothy Glasgow	95	94	94.5	3	2
Mary Jones	85	100	92.5	0	0
Elmer Pyle	90	92	91	0	4
Sm Congdon	80	92	86	4	5
George King	95	72	83.5	0	0
Don Mathison	75	90	82.5	0	0
William Horn	70	94	82	0	0
Frank Matheson	45	94	69.5	0	0
Ellen Hostrup	65	72	68.5	2	0
Bessie Sharkey	75	45	60	7	0

WANT ADS.

STRAYED—To S. W. 6-46-7-4, one White Fate Heifer, three years old, branded U reverse K with bar over, on left hip. Owner kindly get same and pay cost. W. Milton, Clark Manor 46-P.

SHORTHORNS

Now is the time to see about your sire. None but purebreds allowed to run at large. See H. N. Lyster, Irma, for anything you require for this season. Priced to sell. 44-8P.

WILL SWAP—Good 14in. gang plow, Grand Detour, will trade for good buggy, horse or cow.—O. Larson Jarow, Alta. 3-T

WILL TRADE—For Horses or Cattle, One Absolutely new Chase Tractor; One 1918 Model McLaughlin Four.—Apply to Irma Motors.

FOR SALE—Keystone Drill No. 3 Traction, only used on a few wells, capacity 350 to 500 feet.—Apply P. Love, Vauxhall, Alta. 48-3

FOR SALE—Bacon Type Berkshire Registered, from mature sows. January and February litters—either sex at \$15.00 at ten weeks old. Also 50 bushels of Salzers Early Potatoes at 50 cents per bushel.—M. T. Knudson, Phone 409, Irma, Alta. 48-82-P

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Oriental Hair Root Hair Grower
World's Greatest Hair Grower.
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PROF. M. S. CROSSE
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Wallpaper Cleaner—One full cup of flour, one tablespoon of salt, one tablespoon kerosene oil, two tablespoons ammonia, half a cup of lukewarm water. Mix in pan and boil until flour is thoroughly scalded and moisture used up, stirring constantly. Then take out and knead till quite smooth. Rub wall easily.



Farm Book-keeping

More and more the experienced farmer realizes the importance of accurate book-keeping.

The farmer who opens a Chequing Account with the Bank of Montreal is enabled to keep an exact record of receipts and expenditure and to have the helpful advice of an experienced banker whenever he needs it.



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Avoid inferior and dangerous substitutes. Get the genuine article in cans as reproduced below.



WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Premier MacDonald stated in the House of Commons that the government has no immediate intention of revising the Treaty of Versailles.

With the restrictive immigration law in force Great Britain now leads in the number of home-made currency in the U.S. from Europe.

A provincial election in Nova Scotia within the next six months is predicted in an article appearing in the Halifax Herald.

A bill sponsored by Hon. Charles McCrear, minister of mines, to establish a one-cent per unit bounty on raw iron ore, was given second reading in the Ontario Legislature.

A statement of damages suffered on account of the rebellion has been presented to the Mexican Government by the Asahi Oil Company, the largest British Corporation operating in Mexico.

In order to conserve Ontario's forest wealth and to protect a lumbering and paper industry in which \$75,000,000 is invested, the Ontario government has purchased an airplane force consisting of 43 machines, to patrol the timber areas and detect fires.

Ontario farmers whose labor is supplied through the government employment service are commencing to place their requirements before the bureau and at the present time the demand for experienced farm labor is greater than the supply.

Sentenced to Death No Appeal Possible

The death warrant is passed out every time a corn is treated with Putnam's Corn Extractor. It means the end of the corn. Putnam's lifts out corn, root and branch, and never fails. Refuse any substitute for Putnam's. 25c everywhere.

Western Clearings Improve.

With every town and city reporting bank clearings west of the Great Lakes showing a healthy increase over a year ago and with Toronto registering more than a nine-million dollar increase and Montreal 22-million dollars more than a year ago, the returns for the week ending Feb. 14 give indications of a great improvement in trade conditions.

Muscular Rheumatism Subdued.—When one is a sufferer from muscular rheumatism he cannot do better than to have the regular rubdown of *Condit's* Eucalypti Oil. Let the rubbing be brisk and continue until the skin is secured. There is more virtue in a bottle of it than can be fully estimated.

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A Single Span of Life

Saw Naval Progress from the Time of Wooden Sailing Vessels.

The death of Admiral Selfridge comes to us like a breath of air out of history, though he passed but yesterday. His career illustrates remarkably what can happen within the life span of one man.

As a young naval officer, Admiral Selfridge was aboard the American frigate Cumberland when that warship was sent to the bottom in Hampton Roads on the evening of March 8, 1862, by the Confederate iron-clad Merrimack. That spelled the doom of the majestic wooden sailing vessel that had been the pride of all navies. And the next morning he saw in the battle between the Merrimack and the Monitor the triumph of the new type of revolving turret that is now in use on our warships today.

Yet Admiral Selfridge survived these adventures and lived to see the navy grow into tremendous organizations of destruction, and he aided in that development. In the early part of the world war the navy had invented protected warships from torpedoes before other means had been found to combat the submarine.

What a life was his, crowned with adventure and ever new unfoldings of wonder.—The Milwaukee Journal.

Drives Out Rheumatism Subdues Lumbago

Brings Ease and Comfort to the Sufferer at Once

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A King Over Pain

Those who seek permanent relief from the grinding pain of Rheumatism and Lumbago should read the letter of F. E. Norquay, from Georgetown, who writes:

"I was fairly crippled with aching joints and back, and I needed help. I had heard of Nervine and I decided to try it. It cleared up my trouble quickly."

"If you need a reliable, strong, penetrating pain remedy, one you can depend on, get a bottle of Nervine today; it will make you well quickly."

Wanted Children to Follow Cortège

The late Stephen Highland (who was John Farley), of Church Street, St. Mary's, Cornwall, described as a "retired baker," who left \$49,000, requested in his will that 20 children between the ages of five and seven should follow him as mourners at his burial, and should each be paid one quarter for so doing.

One of the most effective verminicides on the market is Miller's Worm Powders. They will not only clear the stomach of the worm, but will prove a very serviceable medicine for children in regulating the infantile system and maintaining it in a healthy condition. There is nothing in its composition that will injure the most delicate stomach when directions are followed, and they can be given to children in the full assurance that they will utterly destroy all worms.

More Immigrants Coming

Number of Immigrants Coming to Canada Has Increased Remarkably.

An increase of 105 per cent. in immigration to Canada is reported during the ten months ended January, 1924, as compared with the corresponding ten months ended January, 1923.

During the past ten months, 129,922 immigrants of all nationalities have entered Canada. In the same period during 1923-23, only 62,819 persons entered the country as immigrants. Of the immigrants coming to this country during the past ten months, 65,171 were British, 18,129 were Americans; and 46,722 were from other countries. August was the busiest month in the Immigration Department, the influx of nearly 15,000 British travelers swelled the figures; while the total for the month was over 25,000.

A comparison of the two periods of ten months (from April to January) shows an increase of 10 per cent. in British immigration, a decrease of 8 per cent. in the immigration from the United States, and an increase of 235 per cent. from other countries.

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Constipation

Because they contain mercury and mineral salts, many pills are harsh. The easiest and safest laxative is Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. They clean the stomach, intestines and bowels—drive out waste matter, tone the kidneys, and forever cure constipation.

Dr. Hamilton's Pills Instant Relief

A general tonic and system-cleaner nothing is so mild and efficient as Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. At all dealers. 25c per box, five for \$1.00, or The Catarrh Co., Montreal.

Natural Resources Bulletin

Muskat Farming is Proving to be Very Profitable

The Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior at Ottawa, says:

In the commerce of furs there is no fur-bearing that looms larger than the humble but prolific muskrat. Under the trade name of Hudson and Baltic seal, it has become a favorite, filling admirably the great demand of the average citizen for a fur moderate in price and durable in quality. It may be used in the making of many articles of fur and is effective whether natural, plucked, bleached or dyed.

The pelts of the black muskrat surpasses in texture and density that of the brown and is consequently rated higher and commands a higher price. Grading of the pelts is determined according to origin, color, size, condition and time of taking; thus the terms fall, winter and spring have an importance. The best pelts are those caught in late winter and early spring, including December, January and February, with due allowance made for variations in climate according to location.

The fall muskrat pelt is light in fur and the late spring ones, though heavier, are not so desirable for the drying purposes of the trade.

The wide distribution of the muskrat throughout Canada and the comparative simplicity of rearing it as compared with other fur-bearing animals, makes its rearing an interesting subject of inquiry and in a number of places it is at present being profitably farmed.

One of the finest muskrat districts on the continent exists along the swamps of the lower Saskatchewan River in that portion from Cumberland House to Lake Winnipeg. In Manitoba there are ideal surroundings in the broad regular swamps and the ponds and marshes that extend from southeastern Manitoba diagonally across the province to Dawson Bay with an approximate width of from 50 to 100 miles. These are but a few of the many localities of which every province has an abundance. The North West Territories and the Yukon Territory have also large areas well suited for the propagation of muskrat.

Farms Getting Larger

There has been an increase of nearly forty acres in the size of the average Canadian farm in the last decade, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The average farm in Canada in 1911 was 159.25 acres and in 1921 it was 198.25 acres. The number of occupied farms in the ten-year period increased from 648,329 to 711,950 and their total area from 109 million to 141 million acres.

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B.C. Salmon Pack

The British Columbia salmon pack, according to figures issued by the secretary of the B.C. Products Bureau of the Board of Trade, was 1,341,681 cases in 1923, or about 50,000 cases in excess of that of 1922. Unusually heavy rains in the northern streams account for the larger pack, canneries in the north having been taxed to their capacity to take care of the fish.

Daily broadcasting of Greenwich time by means of a clock controlled from Greenwich Observatory is one of the latest projects of the B. N. C. station in London. The broadcasting will be done by the clock itself by means of a buzzer, electrically synchronized with the chief timekeeper at Greenwich.

Net Revenue Increase

An increase of nearly \$11,000,000 in the net operating revenues on all lines of the Canadian National Railways during eleven months of 1923 is shown by official figures given out this month.

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Air Peril in British Channel

Problem of Defence is Now Engaging Attention of Experts

Danger to British communications in the narrow seas, owing to increase of air power, is discussed in a report of the sub-committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence.

The menace of attack from the air has greatly increased, and necessitates a strong Home Defence Air Force, it is stated. It was on a recommendation from the committee that the government decided last year on an increase in air strength.

The general staffs of the Navy, Army and Air Force agree that the danger of sea-borne invasion is now negligible.

"Another matter," it is added, "on which some measure of agreement was found to exist between the Naval Staff and the Air Staff is in regard to the increased risks to communications in those portions of the narrow seas which are exposed to attack by aircraft operating from shore bases, such as the English Channel and the Mediterranean."

"Both staffs admit that the advent of aircraft has increased the danger to communications in such waters, though they differ as to the extent of the danger."

NERVES RESTORED HEADACHE GONE

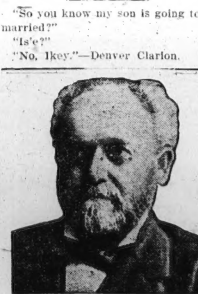
A Grateful Letter From a Well Known Vancouver Nurse

"In the summer of 1922," says Mrs. Mary Hill, of 31st Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C., "I became very anxious about my young daughter's health. She was attending a commercial school, and between her close study and her nervousness, she was becoming very much run down. I noticed that she looked white and seemed constantly tired. I was depressed over her studies, and irritable and peevish about the house. I got several tonics and decided to try them. At this stage an advertisement of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, telling of a similar case, interested me, and I decided to try it. You may judge of my surprise and delight when I noticed an improvement in her condition, almost before the first box was finished. She continued taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for some time, gaining in health and strength. Her headaches, backaches and depression disappeared, and she is now as well and happy. She has since, I am glad to say, kept perfectly well and passed her examinations with credit."

"I must have worried more than I know over my daughter's health, for though I have earned my living as a secretary since the winter of 1922, even the most trying cases did not seem to exhaust me until last fall, when I seemed to give out suddenly. I became so nervous that I had to decline work, and I suffered from headaches and a constant feeling of depression. I attributed my condition to the fact that I was entering a critical time of life. It was my daughter who suggested that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills might do me as much good as she had done her, and after a faithful use of them for a time this proved to be the case. My nervous system regained its steadiness, and my general health improved so much that I felt able to undertake my nursing duties again. I have taken the pills occasionally since, and thanks to them have been able to stand the strain of my work splendidly and still feel as well as ever. I am very grateful to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and am thankful to have found such a reliable medicine for me in my home, and I can conscientiously recommend it to any suffering woman or girl coming under my care or influence."

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Interesting Statistics Show Value of Output for Past Two Years

Statistics on the lumber industry in Canada during 1922 have been recently completed by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and show that a total of 3,138,598 thousand feet board measure of lumber, valued at \$84,551,172, was reported. The number of mills reporting in 1922 was 2,922 as compared to 3,226 in 1921, a reduction of six and a half per cent., but the average production per mill increased from 918 thousand feet in 1921 to 1,074 in 1922. The total number of employees on salaries and wages was 31,892 as compared to 30,387 in 1921, an increase of five per cent. The total payroll was \$27,621,691 as compared to \$26,707,689 in 1921, an increase of three per cent.

Funding the British Debt

Will Not Ask to Settle With United States in Sterling

The British Government does not intend to approach the United States government with a view to an arrangement by which payment of the British debt would be made in pounds sterling instead of in dollars, William Graham, financial secretary of the treasury, announced in the British House of Commons in reply to a question.

When pressed as to whether some step might not be taken in that direction, because of the effect it would have on exchange and trade, and also on the cost of living, Mr. Graham said the United States would not entertain a request of that kind.

Kitchen Utensils Made of Cardboard

A patent has recently been granted for a process by which cardboard pressed to the shape of kitchen utensils such as kettles and saucepans can be made waterproof and acid-resisting.

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Hog Grading Policy

Considerable Improvement in Type and Quality Has Resulted

The operations of the federal hog grading policy, inaugurated a year ago by the joint efforts of the federal department of agriculture, the producers and the packing industry, was reviewed by the joint swine committee in conference at Ottawa.

The producers, the packing industry and the department, report considerable improvement in the type of hogs. It is reported that the official grading, the experiments and the investigations carried on by the department have borne satisfactory results. Improvement is also reported in the quality of Canadian bacon going forward to the British market. Live stock exchanges in Winnipeg and Toronto, in co-operation with the livestock branch of the department of agriculture, have carried on experiments in grading and grading equipment, and their report is being considered by the committee.

Animal Research Laboratory

An animal research laboratory, which should prove of great value in investing various diseases affecting the livestock of Saskatchewan, is being built by the University of Saskatchewan.

Minard's Liniment for Sprains

Many Inventions

Ship Rolling Made to Drive the Propellers and Furnish Motive Power

After Sir William Bull, M.P., had remarked at a dinner that he was always losing his collar stud, an inventor sent him a stud with an octagonal base which refuses to roll under the dressing table.

This invention is one of nearly 200 which have been patented by members of the Institute of Patentees during the last three months. They range from an improved drawing pin to electric bearing.

An Australian invention is a plant for the utilization of the rolling of ships at sea for motive power. This is achieved by an ingenious distribution of weights, which swing from side to side with the roll of the ship and are connected with the propellers. It is claimed that the device would cheapen the motive power of ships.



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VIKING

Owing to the severe storm last Saturday and the inability of the farmers getting into town the ditch meeting was postponed until next Saturday, April 5th at 2 p. m. in the Town Hall.

This will be a very important meeting as the question of proceeding further with the fight for our rights against the arbitrary actions of the government must be disposed of at once.

It was clearly proven at the recent trial and the Judge so found that the expenditure upon this drainage system was unauthorized and illegal but on account of a section in the Drainage Act of 1921 the meaning of which is very obscure he could not give the decision in our favor. This section, however, was not thoroughly argued at the trial so its meaning and application were not brought out.

The Cost of the Ditch to date stands as follows:—

To Farmers and lot-owners in Viking	\$39,270.00
To Municipality No. 454 for Roads	3,010.00
To Municipality No. 465 for Roads	6,330.00
To streets in Viking	1,350.00

TOTAL \$49,960.00

The Judge says that this drainage system has been imposed upon the District and it was done illegally, so if we have to pay this immense sum of money it will not only be a great injustice but it will be a big drag against the prosperity of Viking.

W. J. Brown, the expert auto mechanic, at the McAtthey & Jones garage, is of an inventive turn of mind, and has devised a very ingenious apparatus which transforms the ordinary gasoline engine or Delco or other engine to operate on natural gas. He has installed these devices on the Delco plants in the garage and the municipal hospital and they are giving good satisfaction. He explained the technical details of it to us but not being versed in the technique of the profession we suggest that those who wish to see it in operation do so by visiting the garage where Bill will be glad to show it to those interested when he has a spare moment.

Leon Hardy, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, was here on Tuesday on a visit at the home of his brother V. A. Hardy. Leon was an employee of The News back in 1916, later leaving for South Dakota where he now holds a good position with the Crane Construction Co. as claims agent and soon anticipates a promotion to credit man with the same firm.

O. Fitzmaurice returned Sunday evening from Minot, North Dakota, where he had been to attend the funeral of his mother. The venerable lady was 78 years of age and had been hale and hearty all her life. The community joins in extending sympathy to our citizen who has sustained such a great loss.

R. Christy left this morning for Innesfree where he will remain for a couple of weeks after which he expects to be transferred to some other branch of the Bank of Commerce.

Percy Jones and family of Irma spent Sunday with Jas. Dayton. Mrs. Dayton has returned from the hospital much improved in health.

In a recent issue of the Winnipeg Free Press appeared a photo of Miss Madge Onhauser who was at one time a teacher in the Prague school in this district. Miss Onhauser is attending the University of Manitoba and was recently elected president of the Women's medical association and also chosen hockey representative for the coming year. She made many friends here who are glad to hear of her success.

A social evening was held at the Geo. A. Loades home last Monday evening in honor of Miss Vera Loades who celebrated her twenty-first birthday anniversary. The guests spent a very pleasant evening in dancing and cards until midnight when lunch consisting of sandwiches, cake, coffee and ice cream was served, after which dancing was again enjoyed until three o'clock in the morning. Messrs. Duke Lee, Pilgrim, Armstrong, Stowe and Evan Jones furnished excellent music. Miss Loades was the recipient of a substantial cheque from her parents, also many dainty gifts from friends and neighbors who join in wishing her many happy returns of the day.

After an illness of only a few days Jas. Bunn succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever early Tuesday morning. The funeral will be held from the Community Church on Thursday at two o'clock P. M. The unfortunate man was about 40 years of age and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his untimely death. He is also survived by his parents who have arrived for the funeral, and a sister Mrs. McFarland residing north of town. A little son has been ill with the same disease for the past month and we understand is recovering. The bereaved family and relatives have the deep sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Some Timely Farm Topics

SUPERIORITY OF CANADIAN VARIETIES

The varieties of grain which have been carrying off most of the prizes at the International Seed Grain and Hay Show at Chicago since the inception of that organization four years ago have been largely originated in Canada by Canadian plant breeders. In the case of wheat, the Canadian-bred Marquis variety has been a consistent winner of the Grand Sweepstakes prize. At the last exhibition, held in Chicago in December 1923, the first thirteen prizes including the Grand Sweepstakes were won by Marquis. Out of twenty-five prizes awarded in the hard red spring wheat class, twenty-one went to the Marquis variety, two to Kitchener which is a selection out of Marquis, and one to Ruby which is a cross-bred sort produced at the Experimental Farm at Ottawa.

In the oat class, most of the winning samples were of the Victory and Banner of Canadian origin, have been derived from varieties. These varieties, which were developed considerably by members of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association in Canada, Twenty-eight out of a total of thirty-five prizes in oats were captured by Canada, twenty-one of these going to growers in the province of Alberta.

In the two-rowed barley class, the sweepstakes were won by Duckbill Ottawa 57. This is a very fine, two-rowed variety originated by the Central Farm at Ottawa and which is giving a very good account of itself in trials being conducted at the various Experimental Farms throughout Canada.

REGISTERED COCKERELS

Canada is setting the pace for the whole world to follow in the system adopted to obtain registered Cockerels.

The bred-to-lay cockerel that can transmit to his pullets the ability to produce a large number of eggs is what all keepers of utility poultry are after. It is recognized that the quickest way to increase the average egg yield of any flock is through the male, and this fact is commercialized by many breeders of so-called bred-to-lay stock, who advertise high producing males that have not the breeding behind them, and are therefore unable to transmit this quality to their offspring.

Because of this fact dishonest breeders have foisted overrated stock upon the public, and one of the reasons why registered cockerels are wanted is to overcome this practice of selling inferior birds as good breeding stock.

At the present time it is possible for honest breeders to enter their pullets in the Laying Contests (of which there are 12 throughout the Dominion) and by having their birds qualify to produce cockerels that may be registered by the Canadian National Records.

The fact that a cockerel is registered is a guarantee to the public that he has a certified pedigree behind him, of at least two generations of 200 (or more) egg blood, and that he is himself a bird typical of the breed and without standard disqualifications. Such a bird grown in our Canadian climate means the very best procurable in breeding for high egg production.

RUSSIAN THISTLE CONTROL

Russian thistle is only an annual, and its seed is not of long vitality in the soil, so by all the rules of the game it ought to be easily controlled; but this does not by any means always result. Indeed there are large areas in the Prairie Provinces, and a few small areas elsewhere in Canada, where it has the farthest worrying. These are almost without exception areas of dry, more or less sandy, and especially drifting soils. In southwestern Manitoba and the dry belt of the provinces to the west, the succession of dry years has given the Russian thistle ideal conditions for increase. In adjoining areas equally exposed to infestation for almost equally extended periods of years, it occurs chiefly on railway sidings, and may never be an aggressive farm weed, for the simple reason that it has not the ability to compete with the vegetation of these soils. However let these soils become run down, so that they support only indifferent crops, and they too may be invaded, if at all inclined to become loose and thin.

The offensive against Russian thistle may be launched in the spring. If a summerfallow is considered necessary and good practice in the locality on other grounds, it will give the best opportunity to fight this pest; if thoroughly carried out, one season can very largely do the work. A cultivated crop is also useful, and

a rotation which includes a cultivated crop every few years, as is possible on a stock farm, can control the weed under most conditions. When grain is the crop to occupy the land, the seed bed should be prepared early and well, and be sown only when moisture, tilt and warmth are favorable for prompt germination of the grain. Even then it will be necessary to give a stroke or two of the harrow when the grain is young to destroy the weed seedlings, and if the crop has been sown too thinly, it will take more good than harm from the operation. Once the grain is well under way, any Russian thistle plants present are forced to lie low until the crop is harvested, but as soon as they are uncovered they push up rapidly, and soon become a dense mass of stems, or a coarse tangle of branches, depending on how thickly they stand. Before they become too large and prickly to be easily handled they should be plowed under; infact a disking immediately after the binder, to be followed by plowing later is even better, provided in either case that seeds are not allowed to mature.

Other suggestions that might be made are to replace some of the spring grains with fall rye, in which the Russian thistle starting will be killed by winter's frost, and no congenial seed bed will be made in the spring for further seeds to start. Or by pasturing sheep or cattle on rye, or any other crop containing the weed, it will be readily eaten down and turned to manure in the process. Some farmers are even considering whether they cannot make the best of a bad job by utilizing Russian thistle as a silage crop, which suggestion of course is only to be entertained as a last resort, since sunflowers and even excellent corn can be grown in most places troubled by this weed; and no amount of taming will ever rob it of its prolific seedling, and pernicious roving habits.

Weekly Review of Alberta Markets

(Calgary Market Examiner)

Cattle.
FEEDERS, STOCKERS—Fairly active on good stuff, choice feeders up to \$4.50; plain stock cows 1.50 to \$2.50.

Hogs.
Edmonton market shows easier price on hogs, with thick smooths \$6.75; bacon 10 p.c. premium. Most of the hogs now sold off cars.

Sheep.
Some choice lambs made a top of \$13.25 at Edmonton, but general quotation of \$13 @ \$13; yearlings \$10 @ \$11; ewes \$6 @ \$8.

Grain.
After holding up under what many people thought were conditions which would cause an earlier break, wheat this week has shown more serious weakness than for some time and there has been a lack of buying on the part of European consumers. Like all serious declines there is almost sure to be some reaction, but those who were talking lower prices think the market is now headed downward.

Butter—Cream—Cheese.
DAIRY BUTTER—Weaker following last week's decline in creamery; fancy table quality quoted 25c, Calgary No. 1 and No. 2 quality now in demand. CHEESE—Market weak and prices unchanged.

Eggs—Poultry.
EGGS—Calgary dealers quote market lower, with extras 18c, No. 1 16c; No. 2 13c; cracks 9c; receipts heavy; cars sent east and some trying out storing, though it is early. Poultry—Market getting more than usual but taking care of receipt fairly well, without dropping prices.

Hay.
Nothing hopeful in the market, timothy, country points, \$10 @ \$11; upland \$8 @ \$9; alfalfa \$10 @ \$11; practically no market for green feed.

Hides.
Dealers still show optimism regarding market recovery, though business so far has not warranted any advance in prices.

Furs.
Business quiet in western trade just now, waiting for eastern sales. Coyotes very poor in quality if taken now, weasel also low grade; muskrats, beaver and badger at their best.

"I hope that's a nice story you are reading, darling," remarked a fond mother here to her thirteen-year-old daughter as she noticed the latter engrossed in a magazine. "Oh, yes, mamma," the girl replied, "it's a lovely story but I don't think you would like it. It's so sad at the end." "How is it sad, darling?" asked the mother. "Well," said the girl, "she dies, and he has to go back to his wife."

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